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EAA9 Reports 'Mission Accomplished'



By any measure, EAA9 can record "Mission Accomplished" during EAA's "Aluminum Over-cast" visit July 8-11. EAA9 Tour Coordinator Dick Wetherald reports 157 revenue rides with 23 flights over two days. Over 1,000 people went through the WW II bomber ground tours. Special thanks go to the EAA9 coordinators – Dick, Mike Hayhurst (volunteers), Clare Lutton (merchandise and ground tours), Craig Schneider (facilities), Al Harding and Bob Mullins (publicity). "This event went beyond our wildest expectations!" says EAA9 President Al Harding. As a major part of the event, EAA9 used the bomber's



The EAA B17 Crew were the best. Left to right: George Daubner, Janet Davidson, Ray Fowler, Ernie Kierzek, Phil Riter, and Larry New.

Show the Bomber and They Will Come...



Ground tours lasted until 9 p.m. July 10 after a day of flying. Over 1,000 people went through the plane.

visit to recognize B17/B24 Pilot and former Director of the Ohio Division of Aviation Norman Crabtree. Hospitalized just prior to "Aluminum Overcast's" arrival, Norm's wife, Jeri, accepted a plaque from our chapter and a letter of recognition from Ohio Governor Robert Taft. The help from Tuskegee Airmen Robert Peeples and H.M. "Don" Cummings was a special touch.

"We owe special thanks to OSU Don Scott Airport staff and management," says Harding. "Their help was nothing short of tremendous." Office staff answered phones on behalf of EAA. Ramp staff helped with everything from aircraft parking to using the cherry picker to take pictures. The field opened the old tower so crowds could watch the B17 takeoff and land. "It was a great opportunity to show off the field."

Crabtree Recognized for Service



Al Harding, left, presents Jeri Crabtree with a plaque, resolution and letter from Ohio Governor Robert Taft in recognition of husband Norm's service during WW II and with the Ohio Division of Aviation. Former State Representative E.J. Thomas (center) and Tuskegee Airmen MSG Sergeant Robert Peeples and Major H.M. "Don" Cummings (right) assisted with the presentation.



Plan Ahead – EAA9's August meeting will be August 17, 2002, 9 a.m. at Don Austin's home in Clintonville.

Teamwork Makes B17 Success



Facilities Coordinator Craig Schneider (left), Tour Coordinator Dick Wetherald, and President Al Harding visit with EAA Mission Coordinator George Daubner.

EAA9 Members Mark 50th



From various reports, EAA9 had a good contingent attending EAA's Airventure 2002 – the 50th Anniversary for our national organization.

Among those we know about: Ted Kellog, Tom Webster, Bob Simon, Jerry Isbell, Bruce Butts, Dick Wetherald, Bob Mullins, Al Harding, Dr. Bob Banasik, Steve Williamson, Paul Sanik, Brian Sanik (an Aviation Explorer), Linda Lusch, Uncle Joe Wells, Don Austin, Joe Vogel, and Craig Schneider. Apologies for anybody missed.



Bob Mullins met with EAA Chapter staffer Brenda Anderson at the "chapter house" near the busiest tower in the world. Bob also met with EAA Chapter Coordinator Bob Mackey

The Chapter took the opportunity to encourage EAA President Tom Poberezny to resume "Grass Roots" meetings – with EAA9 as an early stop.

Chapter to See Austin's GP4

EAA9 will gather Saturday, August 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at Don Austin's home where he is building a GP4. Refreshments furnished. Directions: North Broadway Exit off 315 or I-71 to High Street. North on High one traffic light (Oakland) to E. Dunedin Road (there's a Jiffy Lube on the corner). East on E-Dunedin to #220.



Rick Schwandt (left) and Tom Edwards make progress on Rick's RV9A. Rick and Tom prepare to attach skin to the plane's spar. Tom is building an RV7A which was featured in our newsletter.

OSU Aviation Awareness Day Planned for EAA National YE Day

Mark June 14, 2003 on your calendar! That is National Young Eagles Day when we should top over 1,000,000 youth introduced to aviation. OSU will also host an "Aviation Awareness Day" at Don Scott to showcase not only the field, but also other aviation groups and vendors. The Boy Scouts also plan to use the occasion for an aviation merit badge campout on the field. We expect EAA9 to play a major role in cooperation with the airport administration. "This should be another premier event for EAA9," says President Harding. "We'll report more as details fall in place over the next year."



Check Our Website

Be sure to check our new Website at www.eaa9.org. We would like to hear your comments which you can send to President Harding at al@thentshop.com. Thanks to Craig Schneider for his work on this site.

Room at the Top – of Hanger One



EAA9 now has a room in Hanger 1 over the top of the Barnstormer Restaurant. EAA9 President Harding says we'll have enough room to store "our stuff." The office will be shared with Explorer

Post 2009, Young Eagles and Columbus Flight Watch. We will be able to have a permanent mailing address as well as a phone with answering machine.

Great Young Eagles Turnout

Even with Oshkosh around the corner, EAA9 had a great turnout for YE Day July 20. YE Coordinator Keith Edwards thanks all who attended. Mike Hayhurst tally showed: Tom Maish (3), Dick Wetherald (10), John McAvoy (1), Kyle Koestner (1), Phil Yoder (6), Craig Schneider (4) [his 100th!], Bob Lewis (5), Tom Siler (6), Jim Cavin (11), Rick Hunt (8), Rick Tressler (12) [high count for the day], Sky Stargel (3) and Linda Lusch (2). We had a total of 72 youth go up for the day! Keith thanked Mike, Jenny Hunt, Ann Samuelson and Al Harding for their help.

Members Notes...

Keith Edwards received his CFII rating!



Don Russell has transferred to EAA Chapter 1285, Venice, FL. Report is he won "Best Auto Engine" during Sun-N-Fun for his Subaru powered GlasStar.

Ramp Check

Next Membership Meeting – Aug. 17, Don Austin's home where he's building a GP4. This Saturday morning meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

Chapter 425 Fly-In Breakfast – Aug. 31, Zanesville Riverside Airport.

Mid-Eastern Regional Fly-In – Sept. 6-8, Marion Municipal Airport.

Chapter 1054 Vinton Co. Airshow & Chicken BBQ – Sept. 15, Vinton County Airport.

Young Eagle Flight Rally schedule. We fly the third Saturday every other month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at OSU Airport (weather permitting, of course). The next dates for 2002 are: Sept. 21, and Nov. 16. As of August 5, 818,505 Young Eagles have been flown nationwide.

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